

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9-11 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 have been indicated to be allowable, and claim 9 was indicated to be allowable if amended to recite that the resin from which the fine fibers are made was selected from a polyester resin or a polyamide resin.

A telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Cole on July 12, 2010, to argue that the proposed amendment after final should not have been denied entry because all it did was to add features to claims 9-11 that had already been favorably considered by the Examiner in claim 1, for example. In addition, the undersigned was advised that a supplemental amendment to claim 9 to recite the thermoplastic synthetic resin from which the fine fibers are made is a polyester or a polyamide, would be entered and put this application in condition for allowance.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite the features suggested by the Examiner to put claims 9-11 in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of this application is requested and the timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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